

ON THE EXACT DIMENSION OF MANDELBROT MEASURE

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Abstract. We develop, in the context of the boundary of a supercritical Galton–Watson tree, a uniform version of the argument used by Kahane (1987) on homogeneous trees to estimate almost surely and simultaneously the Hausdorff and packing dimensions of the Mandelbrot measure over a suitable set \mathcal{J} . As an application, we compute, almost surely and simultaneously, the Hausdorff and packing dimensions of the level sets $E(\alpha)$ of infinite branches of the boundary of the tree along which the averages of the branching random walk have a given limit point.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND MAINS RESULTS

Let (N, W_1, W_2, \dots) be a random vector taking values in $\mathbb{N}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+^{*\mathbb{N}_+}$. Then consider $\{(N_{u0}, W_{u1}, W_{u2}, \dots)\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$, a family of independent copies of this random vector indexed by the finite sequences $u = u_1 \dots u_n, n \geq 0, u_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ($n = 0$ corresponds to the empty sequence denoted by \emptyset). Let T be the Galton–Watson tree with defining element $\{N_u\}$: we have $\emptyset \in \mathsf{T}$, and if $u \in \mathsf{T}$ and $i \in \mathbb{N}_+$, then ui , the concatenation of u and i , belongs to T if and only if $1 \leq i \leq N_u$. Similarly, for each $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, denote by $\mathsf{T}(u)$ the Galton–Watson tree rooted at u and defined by $\{N_{uv}\}, v \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$.

For each $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$ we denote by $|u|$ its length, i.e. the number of letters of u , and by $[u]$ the cylinder $u \cdot \mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$, i.e. the set of $t \in \mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$ such that $t_1 t_2 \dots t_{|u|} = u$. If $t \in \mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$, we put $|t| = \infty$, and the set of prefixes of t consists of $\{\emptyset\} \cup \{t_1 t_2 \dots t_n : n \geq 1\} \cup \{t\}$. Also we set $t_{|n} = t_1 \dots t_n$ if $n \geq 1$ and $t_{|0} = \emptyset$.

The probability space over which the previous random variables are built is denoted by $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$, and the expectation with respect to \mathbb{P} is denoted by \mathbb{E} .

We assume that $\mathbb{E}(N) > 1$ so that the Galton–Watson tree is supercritical. Without loss of generality, we also assume that the probability of extinction equals zero, so that $\mathbb{P}(N \geq 1) = 1$.

The boundary of \mathbb{T} is the subset of $\mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$ defined as

$$\partial\mathbb{T} = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \bigcup_{u \in \mathbb{T}_n} [u],$$

where $\mathbb{T}_n = \mathbb{T} \cap \mathbb{N}_+^n$. The set $\mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$ is endowed with the standard ultrametric distance

$$d_1 : (s, t) \mapsto \exp(-|s \wedge t|),$$

where $s \wedge t$ stands for the longest common prefix of s and t , and with the convention that $\exp(-\infty) = 0$. The set $\partial\mathbb{T}$ endowed with the induced distance is almost surely (a.s.) compact.

For the sake of simplicity we will assume throughout that the logarithmic moment generating function

$$\tau(q) = \log \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q \right)$$

is finite over \mathbb{R} . Then, we define, for $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, the random variable

$$W_{q,u} = \frac{W_u^q}{\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q \right)} = W_u^q e^{-\tau(q)}.$$

Consider the set

$$J = \{q \in \mathbb{R} : \tau(q) - q\tau'(q) > 0\} = \{q \in \mathbb{R} : \tau^*(\tau'(q)) > 0\},$$

where τ^* is the Legendre transform of the function τ defined, for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, as

$$\tau^*(\alpha) = \inf_{q \in \mathbb{R}} (\tau(q) - q\alpha).$$

Let

$$\Omega_\gamma^1 = \text{int} \{q : \mathbb{E} [|\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q|^\gamma] < \infty\}, \quad \Omega^1 = \bigcup_{\gamma \in (1,2]} \Omega_\gamma^1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{J} = J \cap \Omega^1.$$

Then, for $n \geq 1$ and $u \in \mathbb{N}_+^n$, we define the sequence $(Y_p(q, u))_{p \geq 1}$ as

$$Y_p(q, u) = \sum_{v \in \mathbb{T}_p(u)} \prod_{k=1}^n W_{q, uv_1 \dots v_k};$$

when $u = \emptyset$, this quantity will be denoted by $Y_n(q)$, and when $n = 0$, its value equals one.

Since, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, we have

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_{q,i}\right) = 1, \\ \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_{q,i} E \log W_{q,i}\right) = q\tau'(q) - \tau(q) < 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_{q,i}\right) \log^+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_{q,i}\right)\right) < \infty, \end{cases}$$

it follows that $(Y_p(q, u))$ converges to a positive limit $Y(q, u)$ with probability one, while the limit exists and vanishes if the condition is violated. This fact was proven by Kahane in [14] when N is constant and by Biggins in [5] in general. Then, we can associate the Mandelbrot measure defined on the σ -field \mathcal{C} generated by the cylinders of $\mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}}$ as

$$(1.1) \quad \mu_q([u]) = \begin{cases} W_{q,u_1} W_{q,u_2} \cdots W_{q,u_1 \dots u_n} Y(q, u) & \text{if } u \in \mathbb{T}_n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and supported on $\partial\mathbb{T}$. Moreover, under the property $E(Y(q) \log^+ Y(q)) < \infty$, hence in particular when $E(Y(q)^h) < \infty$ for some $h > 1$, where $Y(q) = Y(q, \emptyset)$, we have, following [14], [16], [4], for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, a.s., for μ_q -almost every $t \in \partial\mathbb{T}$,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mu_q([t|_n])}{-n} \geq \tau(q) - q\tau'(q).$$

Hence, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, a.s., the lower Hausdorff dimension of μ_q is

$$\underline{\dim} \mu_q \geq \tau(q) - q\tau'(q),$$

see Section 6 for the definition.

The Mandelbrot measure μ_q is naturally considered when studying the multifractal analysis of some random sets (see [10], [19], [1]–[3], [7]). By exploiting the simultaneous construction of the Mandelbrot measure μ_q , $q \in \mathcal{J}$, and using a uniform version of the argument applied by Kahane in [13] on homogeneous trees, we get the following result.

THEOREM 1.1. *With probability one, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, $\underline{\dim} \mu_q \geq \tau(q) - q\tau'(q)$.*

As an application we study, for $q \in \mathcal{J}$, the set $E(\tau'(q))$ associated with the branching random walk with $(X_i = \log(W_i))_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ (see Section 4). Since, with probability one, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, the set $E(\tau'(q))$ is supported by μ_q and its packing dimension is smaller than $\tau^*(\tau'(q))$ (see Proposition 2.7 in [2]), we get

$$\text{a.s., } \forall q \in \mathcal{J}, \overline{\dim} \mu_q \leq \tau(q) - q\tau'(q),$$

where $\overline{\dim} \mu_q$ is the upper packing dimension of μ_q (see Section 6 for the definition). As a consequence, we infer that the measures are exact dimensional.

COROLLARY 1.1. *With probability one, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$,*

$$\dim \mu_q = \text{Dim } \mu_q = \tau(q) - q\tau'(q),$$

where $\dim \mu_q$ and $\text{Dim } \mu_q$ denote the Hausdorff and packing dimensions of μ_q , respectively.

REMARK 1.1. *These results are known (see [1], [3]). Using a uniform version of a percolation argument, we will give a new proof of the sharp lower bounds for the lower Hausdorff dimension of these measures.*

2. PRELIMINARIES

Given an increasing sequence $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ of sub- σ -fields of \mathcal{A} and a sequence of random functions $\{P_n(t, \omega)\}_{n \geq 1}$ ($t \in \partial T$) such that

1. $P_n(t) = P_n(t, \omega)$ are non-negative and independent processes; $P_n(\cdot, \omega)$ is Borelian for almost all ω ; $P_n(t, \cdot)$ is \mathcal{A}_n -mesurable for each t ;

2. $\mathbb{E}(P_n(t)) = 1$ for all $t \in \partial T$.

Such a sequence $\{P_n\}$ is called a *sequence of weights* adopted to $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}$. Let

$$Q_n(t) = Q_n(t, \omega) = \prod_{k=1}^n P_k(t, \omega).$$

For any $n \geq 1$ and any positive Radon measure σ on ∂T (we write $\sigma \in \mathcal{M}^+(\partial T)$), we consider the random measures $Q_n\sigma$ defined as

$$Q_n\sigma(A) = \int_A Q_n(t) d\sigma(t) \quad (A \in \mathcal{B}(\partial T)),$$

where $\mathcal{B}(\partial T)$ is the Borel field on ∂T . For all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\partial T)$, $Q_n\sigma(A)$ is a positive martingale so it converges almost surely. Also, for all $\sigma \in \mathcal{M}^+(\partial T)$, the random measure $Q_n\sigma$ converges weakly, almost surely, to the random measure $Q\sigma$.

There are two possible extreme cases. The first one is that $Q_n\sigma(\partial T)$ converges almost surely to zero, i.e. $Q\sigma = 0$ a.s. In this case, we say that Q *degenerates* on σ or σ is said to be *Q-singular*. The second one is that $Q_n\sigma(\partial T)$ converges in L^1 so that $\mathbb{E}(Q_n\sigma(\partial T)) = \sigma(\partial T)$. In this case we say that Q *fully acts* on σ or σ is said to be *Q-regular*.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let α be a positive number such that $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\partial T) < \infty$, where \mathcal{H}^α denotes the α -dimensional Hausdorff measure. Let $0 < h < 1$ and $C > 0$. Suppose*

$$(2.1) \quad \sup_{t \in B} (Q_n(t)^h) \leq C|B|^{(1-h)\alpha}$$

for all balls B and some $n = n(B)$ depending on B . Then Q is completely degenerate, that is, $Q\sigma = 0$ a.s. for all $\sigma \in \mathcal{M}^+(\partial T)$.

This provides a good tool to verify the Q -singularity of σ . Indeed, if a measure is not killed, it means that it has a lower Hausdorff dimension at least α .

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

For each $\beta \in (0, 1]$, let W_β be a random variable taking the value $1/\beta$ with probability β and the value 0 with probability $1 - \beta$. Then, let $\{W_{\beta,u}\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ be a family of independent copies of W_β . Denote by $(\Omega_\beta, \mathcal{A}_\beta, \mathbb{P}_\beta)$ the probability space on which this family is defined.

We naturally extend to $(\Omega_\beta \times \Omega, \mathcal{A}_\beta \otimes \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}_\beta \otimes \mathbb{P})$ the random variables $W_{\beta,u}$ and the random vectors (N_{u0}, W_{u1}, \dots) as

$$W_{\beta,u}(\omega_\beta, \omega) = W_{\beta,u}(\omega_\beta)$$

and

$$(N_{u0}(\omega_\beta, \omega), W_{u1}(\omega_\beta, \omega), \dots) = (N_{u0}(\omega), W_{u1}(\omega), \dots),$$

so that the families $\{W_{\beta,u}\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ and $\{(N_{u0}, W_{u1}, \dots)\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ are independent.

The expectation with respect to $\mathbb{P}_\beta \otimes \mathbb{P}$ will also be denoted by \mathbb{E} . For $n \geq 1$ and $\beta \in (0, 1]$, we set $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma((N_u, W_{u1}, W_{u2}, \dots) : u \in \bigcup_{k=0}^n \mathbb{N}_+^{k-1})$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\beta,n} = \sigma((W_{\beta,u1}, W_{\beta,u2}, \dots) : u \in \bigcup_{k=0}^n \mathbb{N}_+^{k-1})$. We denote by \mathcal{F}_0 and $\mathcal{F}_{\beta,0}$ the trivial σ -field.

If $\beta \mathbb{E}(N) > 1$, the random variables

$$N_{\beta,u}(\omega_\beta, \omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_u(\omega)} \mathbf{1}_{\{\beta^{-1}\}}(W_{\beta,ui}(\omega_\beta))$$

define a new supercritical Galton–Watson process with which the trees $T_{\beta,n} \subset T_n$ and $T_{\beta,n}(u) \subset T_n(u)$, $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, $n \geq 1$, are associated, as well as the infinite tree $T_\beta \subset T$ and the boundary $\partial T_\beta \subset \partial T$ conditional on non-extinction.

For $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, $1 \leq i \leq N(u)$, and $q \in \mathcal{J}$ we define

$$W_{\beta,q,ui} = W_{\beta,ui} W_{q,ui}.$$

For $q \in \mathcal{J}$, $\beta \mathbb{E}(N) > 1$, $n \geq 0$ and $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, we define

$$Y_n(\beta, q, u) = \sum_{v_1 \dots v_n \in T_n(u)} \prod_{k=1}^n W_{\beta,q,u \cdot v_1 \dots v_k}.$$

When $u = \emptyset$, this quantity will be denoted by $Y_n(\beta, q)$, and when $n = 0$, its value equals one.

3.1. A family of measures indexed by \mathcal{J} . For $\beta \in (\mathbb{E}(N)^{-1}, 1]$ and $\epsilon > 0$ we set

$$\mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon} = \{q \in \mathcal{J} : \tau^*(\tau'(q)) > -\log \beta + \epsilon\}.$$

Notice that $\tau^*(\tau'(q))$ takes values between zero and $\tau(0) = \log(E(N))$ over \mathcal{J} . Then

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{J} = \bigcup_{\beta \in (\mathbb{E}(N)^{-1}, 1], \epsilon > 0} \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}.$$

The following propositions will be established in Section 5.

PROPOSITION 3.1. (1) *For all $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, the sequence of continuous functions $Y_n(\cdot, u)$ converges uniformly, almost surely and in L^1 norm, to a positive limit $Y(\cdot, u)$ on \mathcal{J} .*

(2) *With probability one, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, the mapping*

$$(3.2) \quad \mu_q([u]) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n W_{q, u_1 \dots u_k} \right) Y(q, u)$$

defines a positive measure on $\partial\mathbb{T}$.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let $\beta \in (0, 1]$ such that $\beta\mathbb{E}(N) > 1$. Then, for all $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+^*$:*

(1) *the sequence of continuous functions $Y_n(\beta, \cdot)$ converges uniformly, almost surely and in L^1 norm, to a positive limit $Y(\beta, \cdot)$ on $\mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$;*

(2) *the sequence of continuous functions*

$$q \mapsto \tilde{Y}_n(\beta, q) = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{T}_n} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n W_{\beta, u_1 \dots u_k} \right) \mu_q([u])$$

converges uniformly, almost surely and in L^1 norm, toward $Y(\beta, \cdot)$ on $\mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$.

3.2. Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+^*$ and $\beta \in (0, 1]$ such that $\beta\mathbb{E}(N) > 1$. For every $t \in \partial\mathbb{T}$ and $\omega_\beta \in \Omega_\beta$ set

$$Q_{\beta, n}(t, \omega_\beta) = \prod_{k=1}^n W_{\beta, t|_k},$$

so that for $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, $\tilde{Y}_n(\beta, q)$ is the total mass of the measure $Q_{\beta, n}(t, \omega_\beta) \cdot d\mu_q^\omega(t)$.

Now, Proposition 3.2 claims that there exists a measurable subset A of $\Omega \times \Omega_\beta$ of full probability in the set of those (ω, ω_β) such that $(\mathbb{T}_{\beta, n})_{n \geq 1}$ survives and for all $(\omega, \omega_\beta) \in A$, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, $\tilde{Y}_n(\beta, q)$ does not converge to zero. Moreover, since the branching number of the tree \mathbb{T} is \mathbb{P} -almost surely equal to the constant $\mathbb{E}(N)$ and $\beta\mathbb{E}(N) > 1$, conditional on \mathbb{T} , the \mathbb{P}_β -probability of non-extinction of $(\mathbb{T}_{\beta, n})_{n \geq 1}$ is positive ([17], Theorem 6.2). Thus, the projection of A to Ω has

\mathbb{P} -probability one and there exists a measurable subset $\Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$ of Ω such that $\mathbb{P}(\Omega(\beta, \epsilon)) = 1$ and for all $\omega \in \Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$, there exists $\Omega_\beta^\omega \subset \Omega_\beta$ of positive probability such that for all $\omega \in \Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, for all $\omega_\beta \in \Omega_\beta^\omega$, $\tilde{Y}_n(\beta, q)$ does not converge to zero. In terms of the multiplicative chaos theory developed in [12], this means that for all $\omega \in \Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$ and $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, the set of those ω_β such that the multiplicative chaos $(Q_{\beta, n}(\cdot, \omega))_{n \geq 1}$ has not killed μ_q on the compact set ∂T has a positive \mathbb{P}_β -probability. Now, the good property of $(Q_{\beta, n}(\cdot, \omega))_{n \geq 1}$ is

$$\mathbb{E}_\beta \left(\sup_{t \in B} (Q_{\beta, n}(t))^h \right) = e^{n(1-h) \log(\beta)} = (|B|)^{-(1-h) \log(\beta)}$$

for any $h \in (0, 1)$ and any ball B of generation n in ∂T , where $|B|$ stands for the diameter of B and \mathbb{E}_β stands for the expectation with respect to \mathbb{P}_β . Thus, we can apply Theorem 3 of [12] and claim that for all $\omega \in \Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$ and all $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, no piece of μ_q is carried by a Borel set of Hausdorff dimension less than $-\log(\beta)$.

Let $\Omega' = \bigcap_{\beta \in (\mathbb{E}(N)^{-1}, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}_+^*, \epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+^*} \Omega(\beta, \epsilon)$. This set is of \mathbb{P} -probability one. Let $q \in \mathcal{J}$. By (3.1), there exists a sequence of points $(\beta_n, \epsilon_n) \in (\mathbb{E}(N)^{-1}, 1] \times \mathbb{Q}_+^*$ such that $\tau(q) - q\tau'(q) > -\log(\beta_n) + \epsilon_n/2$ for all $n \geq 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\log(\beta_n) = \tau(q) - q\tau'(q)$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$ and $q \in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{J}_{\beta_n, \epsilon_n}$. Consequently, the previous paragraph implies that for all $\omega \in \Omega'$,

$$\underline{\dim}(\mu_q^\omega) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\log(\beta_n) = \tau(q) - q\tau'(q).$$

4. APPLICATION

Let (N, X_1, X_2, \dots) be a random vector taking values in $\mathbb{N}_+ \times (\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{N}_+}$. Then consider $\{(N_u, X_{u1}, X_{u2}, \dots)\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ a family of independent copies of the vector (N, X_1, X_2, \dots) indexed by the set of finite words over the alphabet \mathbb{N}_+ . We assume that $\mathbb{E}(N) > 1$ and $\mathbb{P}(N \geq 1) = 1$. Suppose that, for all $u \in T$, X_u is integrable and the sequences $(X_u)_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ are i.i.d. Given $t \in \partial T$, by the strong law of large numbers, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} S_n(t) = \mathbb{E}(X_1)$ almost surely, where $S_n(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n X_{t_1 \dots t_k}$. Since ∂T is not countable, the following question naturally arises: are there some $t \in \partial T$ so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} S_n(t) = \alpha \neq \mathbb{E}(X_1)$? Multifractal analysis is a framework adapted to answer this question. Consider the set \mathcal{I} of those $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$E(\alpha) = \left\{ t \in \partial T : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_{u_1 \dots u_k} = \alpha \right\} \neq \emptyset.$$

These level sets can be described geometrically through their Hausdorff dimensions. They have been studied by many authors, see [10], [19], [1]–[3], [7]; all these papers also deal with the multifractal analysis of associated Mandelbrot measure (see also [14], [21], [16] for the study of Mandelbrot measures dimension).

Take, for $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, the random variable $W_u = e^{X_u}$ and set

$$I = \{\tau'(q); q \in \mathcal{J}\}.$$

THEOREM 4.1. *With probability one, for all $\alpha \in I$, the multifractal formalism holds at α , i.e.,*

$$\dim E(\alpha) = \text{Dim } E(\alpha) = \tau^*(\alpha);$$

in particular, $E(\alpha) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. A simple covering argument yields, with probability one, for all $\alpha \in I$, $\text{Dim } E(\alpha) \leq \tau^*(\alpha)$ (see, for example, Proposition 2.7 in [2]). In addition, consider the Mandelbrot measure μ_q , $q \in \mathcal{J}$, defined by (1.1). It is known (see, for example, Corollary 2.5 in [1]) that with probability one, $\mu_q(E(\tau'(q))) = 1$. In addition, according to Theorem 1.1, we have, with probability one, for all $q \in \mathcal{J}$, $\underline{\dim} \mu_q \geq \tau(q) - q\tau'(q)$. We deduce the result from the mass distribution principle (Theorem 6.2 below). ■

REMARK 4.1. *This result has been proved in [3] when N is not random, and in the weaker form, for each fixed $\alpha \in I$, almost surely $\dim E(\alpha) = \tau^*(\alpha)$ in [10], [19], [7], when N is random.*

REMARK 4.2. *Using the Cauchy formula, we can prove Theorem 1.1 (see [1]). Then our result gives a new approach to estimate, almost surely and simultaneously, the lower Hausdorff dimension of the Mandelbrot measure over \mathcal{J} .*

5. PROOF OF PROPOSITIONS 3.1 AND 3.2

Define, for $(q, p, \beta) \in \mathcal{J} \times [1, \infty) \times (0, 1]$, the function

$$\varphi_\beta(p, q) = \exp(\tau(pq) - p\tau(q) + (1-p)\log \beta).$$

LEMMA 5.1. *For all nontrivial compact $K \subset \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$ there exists a real number $1 < p_K < 2$ such that for all $1 < p \leq p_K$ we have*

$$\sup_{q \in K} \varphi_\beta(p_K, q) < 1.$$

Proof. Let $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$; we have $\frac{\partial \varphi_\beta}{\partial p}(1^+, q) < 0$ and there exists $p_q > 1$ such that $\varphi_\beta(p_q, q) < 1$. Therefore, in a neighborhood V_q of q , we have $\varphi_\beta(p_q, q') < 1$ for all $q' \in V_q$. If K is a nontrivial compact of $\mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$, it is covered by a finite number of such V_{q_i} . Let $p_K = \inf_i p_{q_i}$. If $1 < p \leq p_K$ and $\sup_{q \in K} \varphi_\beta(p, q) \geq 1$, there exists $q \in K$ such that $\varphi_\beta(p, q) \geq 1$, and $q \in V_{q_i}$ for some i . By log-convexity of the mapping $p \mapsto \varphi_\beta(p, q)$ and the fact that $\varphi_\beta(1, q) = 1$, since $1 < p \leq p_{q_i}$, we have $\varphi_\beta(p, q) < 1$, which is a contradiction. ■

LEMMA 5.2. *For all compact $K \subset \mathcal{J}$, there exists $\tilde{p}_K > 1$ such that*

$$\sup_{q \in K} \mathbb{E} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q \right)^{\tilde{p}_K} \right) < \infty.$$

Proof. Since K is compact and the family of open sets $J \cap \Omega_\gamma^1$ increases to \mathcal{J} as γ decreases to one, there exists $\gamma \in (1, 2]$ such that $K \subset \Omega_\gamma^1$. Take $\tilde{p}_K = \gamma$. The conclusion comes from the fact that the function $q \mapsto \mathbb{E} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q \right)^{\tilde{p}_K} \right)$ is continuous over $\Omega_{\tilde{p}_K}^1$. ■

LEMMA 5.3 (Biggins [6]). *If $\{X_i\}$ is a family of integrable and independent complex random variables with $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 0$, then $\mathbb{E} \left| \sum X_i \right|^p \leq 2^p \sum \mathbb{E} |X_i|^p$ for $1 \leq p \leq 2$.*

The same lines as in Lemma 2.11 in [1], we get the following lemma.

LEMMA 5.4. *Let (N, V_1, V_2, \dots) be a random vector taking values in $\mathbb{N}_+ \times \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}_+}$ and such that $\sum_{i=1}^N V_i$ is integrable and $\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N V_i \right) = 1$. Consider a sequence $\{(N_u, V_{u1}, V_{u2}, \dots)\}_{u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n}$ of independent copies of (N, V_1, \dots, V_N) . We define the sequence $(Z_n)_{n \geq 0}$ by $Z_0 = 1$ and for $n \geq 1$*

$$Z_n = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{T}_n} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n V_{u|_k} \right).$$

Let $p \in (1, 2]$. There exists a constant C_p depending on p only such that for all $n \geq 1$,

$$\mathbb{E}(|Z_n - Z_{n-1}|^p) \leq C_p \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |V_i|^p \right) \right)^{n-1} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^N V_i \right|^p \right) + 1 \right).$$

Proof of Proposition 3.2. (1) Recall that the uniform convergence result uses an argument developed in [6]. Fix a compact $K \subset \mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$. By Lemma 5.2 we can fix a compact neighborhood K' of K and $\tilde{p}_{K'} > 1$ such that

$$\sup_{q \in K'} \mathbb{E} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W_i^q \right)^{\tilde{p}_{K'}} \right) < \infty.$$

By Lemma 5.1, we can fix $1 < p_K \leq \min(2, \tilde{p}_{K'})$ such that $\sup_{q \in K} \varphi_\beta(p_K, q) < 1$. Then for each $q \in K$, there exists a neighborhood $V_q \subset \mathbb{C}$ of q whose projection to \mathbb{R} is contained in K' and such that for all $u \in \mathbb{T}$ and $z \in V_q$, the random variable

$$W_{\beta, z, u} = W_{\beta, u} \frac{e^{z \log W_u}}{\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N e^{z \log W_i} \right)}$$

is well defined, and we have

$$\sup_{z \in V_q} \varphi_\beta(p_K, z) < 1,$$

where for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\varphi_\beta(p_K, z) = \beta^{1-p_K} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |e^{z \log W_i}|^{p_K} \right) \left| \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N e^{z \log W_i} \right) \right|^{-p_K}.$$

By extracting a finite covering of K from $\bigcup_{q \in K} V_q$, we find a neighborhood $V \subset \mathbb{C}$ of K such that $\sup_{z \in V} \varphi_\beta(p_K, z) < 1$. Since the projection of V to \mathbb{R} is included in K' and the mapping $z \mapsto \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N e^{z \log W_i} \right)$ is continuous and does not vanish on V , by considering a smaller neighborhood of K included in V if necessary, we can assume that

$$A_V = \sup_{z \in V} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^N e^{z \log W_i} \right|^{p_K} \right) \left| \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N e^{z \log W_i} \right) \right|^{-p_K} + 1 < \infty.$$

Now, for $u \in \mathbb{T}$, we define the analytic extension of $Y_n(\beta, q, u)$ to V given by

$$Y_n(\beta, z, u) = \sum_{v \in \mathbb{T}_n(u)} \prod_{k=1}^n W_{\beta, z, uv_1 \dots v_k}.$$

We denote also $Y_n(\beta, z, \emptyset)$ by $Y_n(\beta, z)$. Now, applying Lemma 5.4 with $V_i = W_{\beta, z, i}$, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E} \left(|Y_n(\beta, z) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, z)|^{p_K} \right) \leq C_{p_K} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |V_i|^{p_K} \right) \right)^{n-1} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^N V_i \right|^{p_K} \right) + 1 \right).$$

Notice that $\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |V_i|^{p_K} \right) = \varphi_\beta(p_K, z)$. Then,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(|Y_n(\beta, z) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, z)|^{p_K} \right) \leq C_{p_K} A_V \sup_{z \in V} \varphi(p_K, z)^{n-1}.$$

With probability one, the functions $z \in V \mapsto Y_n(\beta, z), n \geq 0$, are analytic. Fix a closed disc $D(z_0, 2\rho) \subset V$. Theorem 6.1 below implies

$$\sup_{z \in D(z_0, \rho)} |Y_n(\beta, z) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, z)| \leq 2 \int_{[0,1]} |Y_n(\beta, \zeta(\theta)) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, \zeta(\theta))| d\theta,$$

where, for $\theta \in [0, 1]$, $\zeta(\theta) = z_0 + 2\rho e^{i2\pi\theta}$. Furthermore, Jensen's inequality and

Fubini's theorem give

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{z \in D(z_0, \rho)} |Y_n(\beta, z) - Y_{\beta, n-1}(z)|^{p_K} \right) \\
 \leq \mathbb{E} \left(\left(2 \int_{[0,1]} |Y_n(\beta, \zeta(\theta)) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, \zeta(\theta))| d\theta \right)^{p_K} \right) \\
 \leq 2^{p_K} \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{[0,1]} |Y_n(\beta, \zeta(\theta)) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, \zeta(\theta))|^{p_K} d\theta \right) \\
 \leq 2^{p_K} \int_{[0,1]} \mathbb{E} |Y_n(\beta, \zeta(\theta)) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, \zeta(\theta))|^{p_K} d\theta \\
 \leq 2^{p_K} C_{p_K} A_V \sup_{z \in V} \varphi_\beta(p_K, z)^{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sup_{z \in V} \varphi_\beta(p_K, z) < 1$, it follows that

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \left\| \sup_{z \in D(z_0, \rho)} |Y_n(\beta, z) - Y_{n-1}(\beta, z)| \right\|_{p_K} < \infty.$$

This implies that $z \mapsto Y_n(\beta, z)$ converge uniformly, almost surely and in L^{p_K} norm over the compact $D(z_0, \rho)$, to a limit $z \mapsto Y(\beta, z)$. This also implies that

$$\left\| \sup_{z \in D(z_0, \rho)} Y(\beta, z) \right\|_{p_K} < \infty.$$

Since K can be covered by finitely many such discs $D(z_0, \rho)$, we get the uniform convergence, almost surely and in L^{p_K} norm, of the sequence $(q \in K \mapsto Y_n(\beta, q))_{n \geq 1}$ to $q \in K \mapsto Y(\beta, q)$. Moreover, since $\mathcal{J}_{\beta, \epsilon}$ can be covered by a countable union of such compact K , we get the simultaneous convergence for all $q \in \mathcal{J}_\beta$. The same holds simultaneously for all the functions $q \in \mathcal{J}_\beta \mapsto Y_n(\beta, q, u)$, $u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$, because $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{N}_+^n$ is countable.

To complete the proof of (1), we must show that a.s., $q \in K \mapsto Y(\beta, q)$ does not vanish. Without loss of generality we suppose that $K = [0, 1]$. If I is a dyadic closed subinterval of $[0, 1]$, we denote by E_I the event $\{\exists q \in I : Y(\beta, q) = 0\}$. Let I_0, I_1 stand for two dyadic subintervals of I in the next generation. The event E_I being a tail event of probability zero or one, if we suppose that $P(E_I) = 1$, there exists $j \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $P(E_{I_j}) = 1$. Suppose now that $P(E_K) = 1$. The previous remark allows us to construct a decreasing sequence $(I(n))_{n \geq 0}$ of dyadic subintervals of K such that $P(E_{I(n)}) = 1$. Let q_0 be the unique element of $\bigcap_{n \geq 0} I(n)$. Since $q \mapsto Y(\beta, q)$ is continuous, we have $P(Y(\beta, q_0) = 0) = 1$, which contradicts the fact that $(Y_n(\beta, q_0))_{n \geq 1}$ converges to $Y(\beta, q_0)$ in L^1 .

(2) Here we develop, in the context of the boundary of a supercritical Galton–Watson tree, a uniform version of the argument used by Kahane in [13] on homogeneous trees, and written in complete rigor in [24]. Fix $\epsilon > 0$ and a compact set

K in $\mathcal{J}_{\beta,\epsilon}$. Denote by E the separable Banach space of the real-valued continuous functions over K endowed with the supremum norm.

For $n \geq m \geq 1$ and $q \in K$ let

$$Z_{m,n}(\beta, q) = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{T}_m} Y_{n-m}(q, u) \prod_{k=1}^m W_{\beta, q, u_1 \dots u_k}.$$

Notice $Z_{n,n}(\beta, q) = Y_n(\beta, q)$. Moreover, since $Y_n(\beta, \cdot)$ converges almost surely and in L^1 norm to $Y(\beta, \cdot)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $Y_n(\beta, \cdot)$ belongs to $L_E^1 = L_E^1(\Omega_\beta \times \Omega, \mathcal{A}_\beta \times \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}_\beta \times \mathbb{P})$ (where we use the notation of Section V-2 in [20]), so that the continuous random function $\mathbb{E}(Z_{n,n}(\beta, q) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n)$ is well defined by Proposition V-2-5 in [20]; also, for any fixed $q \in K$, we can deduce from the definitions and the independence assumptions that

$$Z_{m,n}(\beta, q) = \mathbb{E}(Z_{n,n}(\beta, q) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n)$$

almost surely. By Proposition V-2-5 in [20] again, since $g \in E \mapsto g(q)$ is a continuous linear form over E , we thus have

$$Z_{m,n}(\beta, q) = \mathbb{E}(Z_{n,n}(\beta, \cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n)(q)$$

almost surely. By considering a dense countable set of q in K , we can conclude that the random continuous functions $Z_{m,n}(\beta, \cdot)$ and $\mathbb{E}(Z_{n,n}(\beta, \cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n)$ are equal almost surely.

Similarly, since for each $q \in K$ the martingale $(Y_n(\beta, q), \mathcal{F}_{\beta, n} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n)$ converges to $Y(\beta, q)$ almost surely and in L^1 , and $Y(\beta, \cdot) \in L_E^1$, by using Proposition V-2-5 in [20] again we can get almost surely

(5.1)

$$Z_{m,n}(\beta, \cdot) = \mathbb{E}(Y(\beta, \cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, n} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n), \text{ hence } Z_{m,n}(\beta, \cdot) = \mathbb{E}(Y(\beta, \cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \mathcal{F}_n).$$

Moreover, it follows from Proposition 3.2(1) and the definition of $\mu_q([u])$ that $Z_{m,n}(\beta, \cdot)$ converges almost surely uniformly and in L^1 norm, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, to $\tilde{Y}_m(\beta, \cdot)$. This and (5.1) yield, by Proposition V-2-6 in [20],

$$\tilde{Y}_m(\beta, \cdot) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_{m,n}(\beta, \cdot) = \mathbb{E}\left(Y(\beta, \cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m} \otimes \sigma\left(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_n\right)\right)$$

and finally

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{Y}_m(\beta, \cdot) = \mathbb{E}\left(Y(\beta, \cdot) | \sigma\left(\bigcup_{m \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m}\right) \otimes \sigma\left(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_n\right)\right) = Y(\beta, \cdot)$$

almost surely (since, by construction, $Y(\beta, \cdot)$ is $\sigma(\bigcup_{m \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_{\beta, m}) \otimes \sigma(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_n)$ -measurable), where the convergences hold in the uniform norm. Moreover, since $\mathcal{J}_{\beta,\epsilon}$ can be covered by a countable union of such compact K , we get the simultaneous convergence for all $q \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta,\epsilon}$. ■

Proof of Proposition 3.1. The proof of the first point is similar to the proof of Proposition 3.2(1) ($\beta = 1$). The second point is a consequence of the branching property:

$$Y_{n+1}(q, u) = \sum_{i=1}^N W_{q, ui} Y_n(q, ui). \quad \blacksquare$$

6. APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 — CAUCHY FORMULA

DEFINITION 6.1. Let $D(\zeta, r)$ be a disc in \mathbb{C} with center ζ and radius r . The set ∂D is the boundary of D . Let $g \in \mathcal{C}(\partial D)$ be a continuous function on ∂D . We define the *integral* of g on ∂D as

$$\int_{\partial D} g(\zeta) d\zeta = 2i\pi r \int_{[0,1]} g(\zeta(t)) e^{i2\pi t} dt,$$

where $\zeta(t) = \zeta + re^{i2\pi t}$.

THEOREM 6.1. Let $D = D(a, r)$ be a disc in \mathbb{C} with radius $r > 0$, and f be a holomorphic function in a neighborhood of D . Then, for all $z \in D$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - z}.$$

It follows that

$$(6.1) \quad \sup_{z \in D(a, r/2)} |f(z)| \leq 2 \int_{[0,1]} |f(\zeta(t))| dt.$$

APPENDIX 2 — MASS DISTRIBUTION PRINCIPLE

THEOREM 6.2 (Falconer [9]). Let ν be a positive and finite Borel probability measure on a compact metric space (X, d) . Assume that $M \subseteq X$ is a Borel set such that $\nu(M) > 0$ and

$$M \subseteq \left\{ t \in X, \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \nu(B(t, r))}{\log r} \geq \delta \right\}.$$

Then the Hausdorff dimension of M is bounded from below by δ .

APPENDIX 3 — HAUSDORFF AND PACKING MEASURES AND DIMENSIONS

Given a subset K of $\mathbb{N}_+^{\mathbb{N}_+}$ endowed with a metric d making it σ -compact, $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ a continuous non-decreasing function near zero and such that $g(0) = 0$,

and E a subset of K , the *Hausdorff measure* of E with respect to the gauge function g is defined as

$$\mathcal{H}^g(E) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \inf \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} g(\text{diam}(U_i)) \right\},$$

the infimum being taken over all the countable coverings $(U_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E by subsets of K of diameters less than or equal to δ .

If $s \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $g(u) = u^s$, then $\mathcal{H}^g(E)$ is also denoted by $\mathcal{H}^s(E)$ and called the *s-dimensional Hausdorff measure* of E . Then, the *Hausdorff dimension* of E is defined as

$$\dim E = \sup\{s > 0 : \mathcal{H}^s(E) = \infty\} = \inf\{s > 0 : \mathcal{H}^s(E) = 0\},$$

with the convention $\sup \emptyset = 0$ and $\inf \emptyset = \infty$.

Packing measures and dimensions are defined as follows. Given g and $E \subset K$ as above, one first defines

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}^g(E) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} g(\text{diam}(B_i)) \right\},$$

the supremum being taken over all the packings $\{B_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E by balls centered on E and with diameter smaller than or equal to δ . Then, the *packing measure* of E with respect to the gauge g is defined as

$$\mathcal{P}^g(E) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \inf \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{\mathcal{P}}^g(E_i) \right\},$$

the infimum being taken over all the countable coverings $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E by subsets of K of diameters less than or equal to δ . If $s \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $g(u) = u^s$, then $\mathcal{P}^g(E)$ is also denoted by $\mathcal{P}^s(E)$ and called the *s-dimensional measure* of E . Then, the *packing dimension* of E is defined as

$$\text{Dim} E = \sup\{s > 0 : \mathcal{P}^s(E) = \infty\} = \inf\{s > 0 : \mathcal{P}^s(E) = 0\},$$

with the convention $\sup \emptyset = 0$ and $\inf \emptyset = \infty$. For more details the reader is referred to [9].

If μ is a positive and finite Borel measure supported on K , then its *lower Hausdorff and packing dimensions* are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\dim}(\mu) &= \inf\{\dim F : F \text{ Borel}, \mu(F) > 0\}, \\ \underline{\text{Dim}}(\mu) &= \inf\{\text{Dim} F : F \text{ Borel}, \mu(F) > 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

and its *upper Hausdorff and packing dimensions* are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\dim}(\mu) &= \inf\{\dim F : F \text{ Borel}, \mu(F) = \|\mu\|\}, \\ \overline{\text{Dim}}(\mu) &= \inf\{\text{Dim} F : F \text{ Borel}, \mu(F) = \|\mu\|\}. \end{aligned}$$

We have (see [8], [11])

$$\underline{\dim}(\mu) = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\mu} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \mu(B(t, r))}{\log(r)},$$

$$\underline{\operatorname{Dim}}(\mu) = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\mu} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \mu(B(t, r))}{\log(r)}$$

and

$$\overline{\dim}(\mu) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mu} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \mu(B(t, r))}{\log(r)},$$

$$\overline{\operatorname{Dim}}(\mu) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mu} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \mu(B(t, r))}{\log(r)},$$

where $B(t, r)$ stands for the closed ball of radius r centered at t . If $\underline{\dim}(\mu) = \overline{\dim}(\mu)$ (resp. $\underline{\operatorname{Dim}}(\mu) = \overline{\operatorname{Dim}}(\mu)$), this common value is denoted by $\dim \mu$ (resp. $\operatorname{Dim}(\mu)$), and if $\dim \mu = \operatorname{Dim} \mu$, one says that μ is *exact dimensional*.

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